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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: YOUNG'S CONVERSATIONS WITH SYG WALDHEIM
AND AMB. TURKMEN

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1. SUMMARY: MORNING OF MAY 2 AMB. YOUNG READ OVER
PHONE TO SECRETARY-GENERAL PARAGRAPH FOR INCLUSION
IN DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S STATEMENT TO SENATE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SET FORTH REFTEL. WALDHEIM
OBJECTED TO STATEMENT, PARTICULARLY SENTENCE REFERRING
TO KYPRIANOU'S NOT COMPLETELY CLOSING THE DOOR TO
RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS IN MEETING
WITH TURKISH PERM REP TURKMEN LATTER STATED THAT HE
WAS URGING WALDHEIM TO MAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE STATEMENT
ON RESUMING TALKS. TURKMEN ADDED THAT HE WAS ALSO
ENCOURAGING THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY TO MAKE
POSITIVE STATEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB. YOUNG TOOK UP WITH SYG WALDHEIM EARLY MAY 2
QUESTION OF INCLUSION IN DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S
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STATEMENT BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
OF PARAGRAPH CONTAINED REFTEL. (WALDHEIM HAD
FORTUITOUSLY PHONED YOUNG ON ANOTHER MATTER.) WALDHEIM
LISTENED CAREFULLY TO PROPOSED STATEMENT AND THEN
EXPRESSED HIS STRONG OBJECTION TO TWO ASPECTS OF THE
STATEMENT. WALDHEIM NOTED THAT HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT
THAT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS WERE CONCRETE AND SUBSTANTIAL

WAS FOLLOWED BY A SECOND PUBLIC STATEMENT IN WHICH HE INDICATED CLEARLY THAT HE WAS NOT MAKING A JUDGMENT AS TO THE MERITS OF THE PROPOSALS. WALDHEIM OBSERVED THAT HIS SECOND STATEMENT SEEMS TO GET OVERLOOKED. WALDHEIM CONTINUED THAT IT WAS "ABSOLUTELY WRONG" TO SAY THAT KYPRIANOU DID NOT COMPLETELY CLOSE THE DOOR TO THE RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. KYPRIANOU, WHILE NOT AUTHORIZING WALDHEIM TO PUT ON PUBLIC RECORD HIS REACTION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING THE TALKS, CONFIRMED TO WALDHEIM PRIVATELY THAT HE WOULD NOT SEND A DELEGATION TO THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IF WALDHEIM CALLED FOR THEIR RESUMPTION. KYPRIANOU REMARKED THAT IT WAS "OUT OF THE QUESTION" THAT GOC EVEN CONSIDER RETURNING TO NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS.

3. WALDHEIM OBSERVED THAT THE PROPOSED CHRISTOPHER STATEMENT WOULD CAUSE AN UPROAR ON CYPRUS. HE ADDED THAT BOTH SIDES ARE PRESSURING HIM; KYPRIANOU HAD CALLED HIM LATE THE PREVIOUS EVENING URGING HIM TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THERE IS NO COMMON BASIS FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. (COMMENT: WALDHEIM WAS CLEARLY UPSET BY THE PROPOSED STATEMENT. HIS REACTION NO DOUBT IN PART REFLECTS THE COMBINATION OF PRESSURES HE IS UNDER AS TO HIS NEXT MOVE ON THE CYPRUS TALKS.)
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4. SHORTLY AFTER THE WALDHEIM CONVERSATION AMB. YOUNG CALLED ON TURKISH PERM REP TURKMEN. YOUNG EXPLAINED THAT THE U.S. WISHED TO BE HELPFUL IN THE CYPRUS SITUATION AND WOULD LIKE TO PRESERVE A SENSE OF OPTIMISM THAT IS ESSENTIAL FOR A RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. TURKMEN SAID WALDHEIM SEEMED FIRM IN NOT CALLING FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. WALDHEIM HAD TOLD HIM YESTERDAY THAT HE COULD NOT TAKE STEPS TO RECON- VENE THE TALKS ON BASIS OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS. WALDHEIM WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF AN INTERIM PUBLIC STATEMENT, TURKMEN SAID, WHICH WOULD NOTE THAT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED AND THAT CONSULTATIONS ON THESE PROPOSALS WITH THE PARTIES WERE CONTINUING. TURKMEN DESCRIBED TO US THIS PROPOSED WALDHEIM STATEMENT AS "NEGATIVE AND LEADING TO A STANDSTILL." (STATEMENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED. SEE SEPTEL.)

5. AMB. TURKMEN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE TURKISH/CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WAS PREPARING A PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH WOULD SAY THE TURKISH SIDE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO

MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT ITS PROPOSALS WERE A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, REPRESENTING POSITIONS THAT THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD BE READY TO RECONSIDER AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. YOUNG COMMENTED THAT THE TURKISH/CYPRIOT STATEMENT WOULD APPEAR TO BE HELPFUL. TURKMEN SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGING ITS RELEASE IMMEDIATELY, AND HAD URGED WALDHEIM TO FOLLOW IT WITH A POSITIVE PUBLIC STATEMENT IN WHICH WALDHEIM WOULD INDICATE THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE TURKISH

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CYPRIOT STATEMENT. WALDHEIM WAS NONCOMMITAL.

6. CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH YOUNG'S POINTING OUT U.S. DESIRE TO SEE RELATIONS WITH TURKEY STRENGTHENED AND OUR WANTING TO BE HELPFUL IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. RESPONDING TO OUR QUERY, TURKMEN REMARKED THE ECEVIT ADMINISTRATION IS BEST GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH CYPRUS QUESTION. ECEVIT CAN AFFORD GREATER FLEXIBILITY THAN ANY OTHER TURKISH PREMIER COULD. YOUNG

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